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Comments: HCE's proposal is reckless and environmentally irresponsible. The power lines must be installed 100% underground for the following reasons:

1. Risk of wildfire! - Think of fires in Basalt and California (150k acres burned, 85 deaths) and the shooting range fire in Minturn
2. Electromagnetic field health risk
3. Negative visual impact to recreation areas and the Top of the Rockies Scenic Byway
4. Negative impact on wildlife
5. Overall diminished quality of life in Minturn
6. Limits future development at the Ranger Station property and from Gore Creek to proposed tower 39
7. Absolutely no benefit to the Town of Minturn, the Town of Minturn is served by Xcel Energy not HCE, the towns that do benefit, are not involved nor are offering to foot the bill of burying the power line. Avon didn't allow the project across their town!

The Town of Vail and Avon wouldn't allow any portion above ground, the Town of Minturn shouldn't either! Avon already pushed back. Aspen didn't allow above ground lines and HCE buried 9 miles.

Specific concerns regarding Minturn Town Homes:

1. How is Minturn Towne Homes protected from any damages from earth vibration - homes, retaining walls
2. How are Electromagnetic fields shielded from homes? What is the specific safe distance?

General concerns:

1. Why run this level of power in a populated area versus in the woods with no population? If it has to be done, seems like a better idea to bury it in the woods versus the town.

Sincerely,

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Minturn Towne Homes, HOA President